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#### "THE LAND-GRABBERS' LAW" In the letter of Senator Turnbull, which

was published in the Dispatch of Sunday, we find that estimable gentleman lamenting that the Dispatch had raised its voice against the act of Assembly now pretty generally known as "the land-grabbers' law."

Nothing but our sense of duty to the public, under the conviction that the law is harsh and oppressive, caused us to object to it. Our opinion as to its merits is unchanged; but we have always con ceded that it was enacted from the bes Moreover, we have freely

time men who voted for the law. It is a fact, we believe, that some members that the measure might be used to the in jury of numbers of people, but, we believe there were few, if any, who so much as dreamed that it could be developed into the thing now so unfavorably known to the public.

known to be in great need of funds, and plaform of the most members of the Legislature thought the proposed scheme for collecting delinquent taxes would bring in a great the deal of money, and entail no unusual hardships.

As we have said, the law has not falled to be a money producer, but the judgment of the masses is that some of fts features are very unjust and oppressive. It is pretty generally agreed, too, we hear, that the Legislature, at its next session, should, and will, revise and amend the law so as to remove those features which have received popular condemnation. And, if we mistake not. the next Legislature will see many petitions presented it, praying the State to refund penalties and costs heaped upon gax-payers, who had every reason to suppose they were not delinquent, but who, notwithstanding that fact, came within the strict letter of the statute.

The Dispatch has never tried to arouse any feeling against the gentlemen who woted for the law in question. They erred, we think, as we might have erred had we been in their places. All that we would ask is that such of them as are returned to the Legislature shall do their ntmost to improve the law, and make it acceptable to the people whom they represent, or else repeal it altogether,

There would be no sense in a constitumcy's "turning down" a valuable representative, who is now in accord with their views on this subject, merely because last year he did not foresee how the law could be made the objectionable thing that it has been made. That foresight was vouchsafed by Providence to Nory few men. Yes; very few, indeed.

### KRUGER'S OBSTINACY.

It begins to look as if we are to have the aftermath or sequel of the Jameson raid in the very near future. Ever since that affair the tension between the Uitlanders and the Boers of the Transvaal has been increasing, and, according to the former, President Kruger has been systematically endeavoring to make their life not worth living. Recently a petition embodying various grievances and beseeching the intervention of her Majesty was addressed to Queen Victoria by 21,000 Littlanders of British descent or national-

Certaiply, if the statements made in the petition are correct, it would seem that the average Uitlander's lot has not been a happy one for many months. But the situation, we are told, was made much worse and the friction was intensified when early in this month President Kruger, refused Great Britain's demand for neelation of the dynamite concession, contending it constitutes no breach of the London convention in 1884, by the terms of which the British suzerainty is

restricted to control of foreign relations Meantime, negotiations had been start. ed looking to a meeting between Presideut Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner (Governor of Cape Colony and British High Commissioner for South Africa). Now, however, it is given out from London that Mr. Chamberlain, the British Colonial Secretary, will not assent to the con ference unless the Transvaal Executive pleases himself to initiate real reforms. Furthermore, telegraphic advices from Case Town state that, at a gathering of this work.

the commandants on the western border of the Transvaal Saturday, instructions were issued to the burghers to prepare to take the field at a moment's notice from Preforia. And last, but not least, a Johannesburg special says that the work of fortifying the redoubts and the hilltops abscribers at FIFTY CENTS per month, at points of strategic importance thereabouts is going on rapidly.

As far as can be seen at present, it would appear that if war comes-and it must be confessed that it seems in the air-Kruger will be responsible. less, in view of Cecil Rhodes's wellknown "Cape to Cairo" ambition, the German Emperor, and the success he had in England in raising the wind for his gigantic railway project, some persons are likely to suspect that certain Uitlander influences have encouraged what stinacy." In other words, there are susthat the work of exciting friction has not all been on one side, seeing that a British war against the Boers would play directly into the hands of Rhodes and his friend Chamberlain.

KANSAN PERPLEXITY. Kansas has lost its head in its pride prowess. It has been intimated that the General would hardly care thus to place simself on a parity with the Muscovy lucks and other web-footed poultry of the show.

Some have suggested that a public office be served the General on a silver platter-that he be given a senatorship. or governorship-but he does not take

Others think that a subscription should be raised, and that the money be used or a magnificent sword, a blade of bar and fewels which adorn the weapon would be a constant source of irritation of its costly embellishments, though, at pest, the gift would serve but poorly as

And still others contemplate the of a neat house, with a big bay horse and a yellow buggy. This proposition we believe, is the most popular, and it speaks well for Kansan judgment. enthusiastic public is too prone to forge fied in wearing celluloid collars, or smok the weapon might be more valuable that

there'll be nothing commonplace about

Our usually accurate contemporary, the Practically speaking, the law was pass-ed without opposition. The State was ing that the State-primary feature in the was incorporated as an alternative prop was incorporated as an alternative proposition. The fact is, the primary was the popular feature of the platform, and the convention was the alternative proposition, which was retained only upon the representation that the State Central Committee had no power to order mary.-The Petersburg Index-Appeal,

The request for our State Committee to order a State primary never would have been inserted in the resolutions but for the desire of the framers of them to place the whole question before the State Committee. We are speaking not of what occurred in the conference hall, but what occurred in the committee-room, as we are informed.

Few, very few, members of the conference believed the State Committee has any right to order a State primary. Therefore, it need not be expected that the State Committee will be pressed to order such a primary.

The Index-Appeal is correct in saying that the primary was "the popular feature" of the conference. There can be no doubt about that. Probably three out of four of those who were present there would prefer that the senatorial nomina tion should be made by a primary, rather than by a convention; but they were not thinking of details. What the conference should have done was to strike out of the report of the Committee on Resolutions all suggestion that the State Committee have the power to order a State

The Rosnoke Times, in an article on the work of the May conference, says: "The result of the meeting was exactly as foretold by the friends of the move-ment, and exactly opposite to what its opponents predicted. Instead of an undignified, unorganized body of men, brought together for no other purpose than to debase the Democratic party and belittle the great and indisputable rights of the people in the choice of men to represent them in Washington, there was a conference of quiet, patriotic gentlemen who met and discussed the important question in a business-like way, allowing no one man or his own individual hopes or plans to enter into their deliberations

The Times next expresses the opinion that Virginia ought to be proud of the conference "in which the wift of her people was shown in so convincing a manner," and then adds:

There is absolutely nothing in the re solutions drawn up and adopted by the convention that the strongest and most prejudiced of the enemies of the move-ment can object to."

The story of the conference could not have been better told. Its work cut the ground absolutely from under the feet of the opposition.

It was persistently reported Sunday evening that ex-President Cleveland had dropped dead on an island in Lake Erie, where he had gone with a congenial party on a fishing expedition, but there seems to have been no foundation whatever for the rumors, the ex-President, it is stated being perfectly well, and at the time the stories were going the rounds having been playing healthy plnocle with Captain Bob Evans, of the navy, his chum of many years' standing.

It is highly probable, under existing circumstances, that 'the Briggs controversy will be reopened often in Richmond

DOCTOR HEPWORTH'S LETTERS. Rev. Dr. George H. Hepworth, a tinguished member of the New York Herald's staff, furnishes that paper a page of matter on Hose lynching, which is printed in our contemporary's Sunday Issue The Doctor has been to Georgia, and has visited the place where Hose was tied to the stake and burned, and there talked with many people, who are con was arrested and punished. He describes how Sam. Hose killed his employer, Mr. Cranford, and outraged Mrs. Cranford. 'Hose's crime was unique in its hideous ness, and its atrocity was simply

thinkable," he said. After killing Mr. Cranford at the sup per table, Hose seized the baby of the household "and held it by the heels with floor, one child lying unconscious from a cruel blow, and now the last child to b gashed to death unless -

Doctor Hepworth truly declares, we lieve, that "no martyr at the stake ever suffered greater torture than did Mrs. with personal beauty, and at one swoot she lost all that makes life dear." Whe beat in their veins like a pent-up tide in a tempest. God pity them; God forgive them. They were not men; they were maniacs" says he.

But now Dr. Hepworth says, though he has talked with all classes of the 5,000

The Doctor almost admits that if his vife, or mother, had been similarly outraged he could not say what he would or ould not do. "I neither plead nor excuse; I simply say that I also am human," is the way he puts it.

He appreciates the dangers to which ou not approve lynching, whether done in the South, in the North, or in the West He thinks it better to leave the punish ment of crime to the courts, and insist cases without delay, and see that the sen tence is executed at once." "The mob is

Taken as a whole, the Doctor's letters xpress sound and sensible views, while the facts they furnish must produce leep impression upon the public mine Being given circulation in the Herald, they will reach thousands who otherwise ynching question. As news letters they e admirable; as discourses upon the southern racial situation, it seems to us they surely must do good, in the North and South both.

#### A PRIME FACT.

Yes; it is a prime fact that the Roaoke convention pronounced against a State primary election for the nominan favor of State conventions nominating enators. This it did by making the Hor senatorship to fall vacant. And thus it et a precedent, which it knew would be

Now, though there may be two opinions s to whether our State Committee ought would be good policy to do so-there can be no question at all that such a convention, if called, would be fully authorized to act-i, e., to name the candidate of our party for the next senatorship.

A New York contemporary, in advoeating a "no-seat-no-fare" ordinance for Ge street-car companies, cites an inciden which recently occurred in London, and illustrates the way the English enforce their laws. Early one morning four young women in the great British capital boarded a tramway-car on their way to work, and, as it was raining, they found all the seats occupied. The conductor was new to London, and, under the circumstances, he thought there was no harm in ignoring the ordinance which prohibited the carrying of more passengers than could be seated. Unfortunately for all concerned, a vigilant policeman saw the trouble, and immediately boarded the car, took the number of the conductor, ejected the girls from the conveyance, and notified all parties to appear in the Police Court. The conductor pleaded the bad weather, and the tearful damsels protested against the delay, which, they averred, would cause them to be docked for being late at their place of business. But all these excuses were of no avail, and the magistrate, though admitting the hardships of the situation. fined the conductor 2 shillings and 6 pence, and, after admonishing the girls, made each of them pay 2 shillings costs.

The Brooklyn Times, which ought to be a censor in the matter of street-car management, thinks the English went too far in this instance, and that, had the same incident occurred in its city, somebody would have gotten hurt. Certainly the action of the magistrate did not exemplify the doctrine "salus populi suprema lex." But, after all, one cannot be English without "sticking in the bark," and swearing by technicalities.

The Staunton News says that the Valley City might "do a good part by Dewey by inviting him to come and take a course of recuperation at the King's Daughters' Hospital after all the big cities have gotten through feasting him." Fortunately for Dewey, his head is not easily turned; otherwise Staunton might have it in its power to do a good part by him in another kind of hospital,

Both France and Great Britain threaten Dewey with the most marked attentions on his way through the Mediterranean. A British escort of first-class cruisers from Port Said to Portsmouth, England, where our Admiral proposes to call, is one of the features of the programme.

WATSON'S FLAG LIEUTENANT.

A Compliment to Naval-Inspector Crose.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., May 15.—(Special.)—Lieutenant W. M. Crose, United States navy, who has been stationed at the ship-yard as inspector, last night received a telegram from the Navy Department, tendering him the compliment-ary position of flag secretary to Admiral Watson, who will relieve Admiral Dewey in the Philippines, and requesting his wishes in the matter. This morning Lieu-tenant Crose telegraphed the department

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orders to leave the ship-yard, where he has held the position of inspector of equipment for the battleships Kearsarge, Kentucky, and Illinois. He was also inspector of equipment for the torpedosoats and destroyers building at Trigg yard, in Richmond.

THE WHEELER INCIDENT.

Statements from Judge Brawley and General Walker. (Charleston News-Sunday.)

The fact that General Joseph Wheeler, of the United States army, did not figure in the big Confederate parade in Charles ton on Wednesday afternoon has caused comment throughout the country. Genecomment throughout the country. General Wheeler came here as the special guest of the United Confederate Veterans. He was to deliver the address at the convention, and many tongues in Charleston sang his praises, for he was the hero of two wars. He was a Confederate soldier, and he served his country well and gallantly. And then when peace was declared he went back to the ranks of private life, to accept a call more than a third of a century later to defend a flog that he once fought so bitterly. That, in a word, is the record of "Fighting Joe" Wheeler. At the convention on Thursday he was given an ovation.

The great crowds that swarmed the The great crowds that swarmed the streets Wednesday afternoon had no more earnest purpose than its desire to see Wheeler. When the long line of old Confederates swept by, with no sign of little "Fighting Joe," there was disappointment. On all sides was heard the query, "Where is Wheeler?" Various explanations were given as to his absence. It was said that he had not arrived in the city; that he was sick; that he did not want to make the long parade, and such things as that. People who were on the street remember the excitement caused when it was said Wheeler was coming. There was something missing from it ail,

nd it was Wheeler.
The reason of his absence naturally aused comment after men had been liven time to think it over. The newspapers over the country took it up and sked Charleston why it was so. It was nown that General Wheeler was in harleston, and no man seemed able to inderstand why he should be here and of go out with his comfades.

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United Confederate Veterans, devolved the task and duty of furnishing a committee with the names of all persons who were to occupy carriages in the parade. Members of the committee claim the list he gave the chalman did not include the name of General Wheeler. They said that another list was furnished to be used as a check and that no mention on this was

JUDGE BRAWLEYS STATEMENT.

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The following is the statement given out yesterday by Judge Brawley;
General Wheeler and his daughter were brought to my house by Mr. Bacot, a member of the committee, appointed to receive him. They arrived about 9 o'clock, and after taking breakfast I left General Wheeler in his room, where he wished to do some writing, and telephone to General Waker's office, and asked the person who answered the telephone to let General Waker's office, and cased the person at Waker know that General Wheeler had arrived, and would wait at my hoose until called for or informed as to what his movements were to be. After waiting

what General Wheeler was not do not structing him if Walker was not to be found to see Mr. Bacot. Heweving he Bacot's office and asked him if he had any instructions as to General Wheeler, and was told by him that Walker's and that he felt Walker would regard it as an itrusted in the undertook to thake any at the would attend to overgrifing else; that he felt Walker would regard it as an itrusted in the undertook to thake any at the would attend to overgrifing else; that he felt Walker would regard it as an itrusted in the undertook to thake any at the would attend to overgrifing else; that he felt Walker would regard it as an itrusted in the would attend to overgrifing else; that he felt Walker would regard it as an itrusted in the would attend to overgrifing else; that he felt Walker would have known that he felt walker to be discrepted wheeler and the many of the control would have been attended to the control would have been the felt was a citizen of Charleston, shown the head of the following him up to the called for General Wheeler, taking him to the reception at the Yacht. The part of the would have known that day and that were mentioned attended the would be a state of the would have known that day and that we called for General Wheeler, taking him to the reception at the Yacht. The part of the would have known the would have been the following him up to the fight meeting. There being motiving else, that we want to the committee was a stated that General Wheeler at the first of a day of two, and i presumed that there would have been a first of a day of two, and i presumed that there would have been an element of the present of a guest as General Wheeler at the time why man in the country would have been a first of a guest as General Wheeler at the time what the many man in the country would have been a state of the proposed of the proposed was a citizen of the proposed was a count of the would have been a count of the would have been a counterfall wheeler at the proposed was a citizen of the proposed wa

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GENERAL WALKER'S STATEMENT. GENERAL WALKER'S STATEMENT.
When called upon by a reporter for the Sanday News yesterday. General Walker made the following statement:
He did not admit that the entire entertainment of General Wheeler was the duty of himself personally or as chairman of the Veterans' Committee. He deeply regretted that General Wheeler had not all the attention due to him for his distinguished career. If he did not, it was an accident entirely, and one which Judge Brawley could have materially assisted in preventing. His reception was referred by the Executive Committee to the committee of which Mr. Bacot was chairman, but, owing to some misunderstanding, which was easily arranged, Mr. Bacot and General Walker appointed a committee, consisting of Mr. St. J. P. Kinloch and Mr. Bacot, to receive General Wheel-

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er. General Wheeler's secretary wheeler al Wheeler would arrive at Charleston at II o'clock Wednesday, and Mr. Kinloch, with Mr. Bacot, was prepared to meet him. But he came some hours in advance, and, fortunately, Mr. Bacot was at the train to meet other guests and received General Wheeler and sent him to Judge Brawley's house. General Walker had many duties on Wednesday, and as he had to meet the South Carolina Division at 9 o'clock and call the United Confederate Veteran Convention to order at 10 o'clock, it is not at all surprising that Judge Brawley could not catch him by telephone at his office. The first intimation of General Wheeler's arrival from Judge Brawley that General Walker received was Judge Brawley's note received at the Auditorium about 11:20 A. M. General Wheeler was 10 have delivered his oration at that session, and as it would soon adjourn General Walker wrote Judge Brawley that it was unnecessary to bring General Wheeler then to the Auditorium.

As to the parade, he gave Captain Sinkler the marshal in charge of the Misser.

ed a communication from the Committee on Horses and Carriages, objecting to filing this requisition, but said that they would be happy to furnish carriages to all who needed them and take charge of the guests, etc., getting their carriages. General Walker believed that he had followed the proper course, but, as there was no time for discussion, he yielded to the claim of the Committee on Carriages and sent them a list of distinguished guests who would need carriages. That list was a carton copy of the list published in the News and Courler, and to which Judge Brawley refers.

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The Committee on Carriages assumed the duty, taking it away from General Walker, of sending for the distinguished guests, and they had a list of such distinguished guests, one carriage being for General Wheeler, Colonel Turner, General M. C. Butler, and R. E. Lee, Jr.

General Walker has no doubt that there was some good reason why the carriage was not sent, but he has had so much on him this week that he has not even inquired of the committee how the actiof the committee how the acci-



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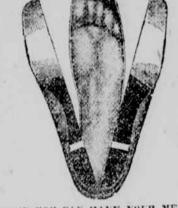
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